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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: Application of UMEMOTO, Seiji, ARIYOSHI, Toshihiko, SUZUKI, Takao
OPTICAL FILM AND LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE
Assignee: NITTO DENKO CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q78829

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/758,165 (Confirmation No. 9366) filed January 12, 2001 of UMEMOTO, Seiji, ARIYOSHI, Toshihiko, SUZUKI, Takao entitled OPTICAL FILM AND LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 6 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2872.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P. 2000-004241	January 13, 2000
Japan	P. 2000-021309	January 31, 2000
Japan	P. 2000-085718	March 27, 2000

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/758,165.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	13	-	20	=	_____	x	\$18.00	=	_____	\$0.00
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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By A handwritten signature of Jeffrey A. Schmidt in black ink. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Jeffrey A. Schmidt".
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